(ii) any bottle containing liquid milk liquid beverages containing milk as an ingredient, soft drink, ready-to-serve fruit beverages, or the like, which is returnable by the consumer for being refilled;

(iii) any bottle containing alcholic beverages, or spirituous liquor;

(iv) any package containing animal feed, exceeding 15 kg or 15 Lts;

(v) any package containing a commodity for which controlled price has been fixed by or under any law for the time being in force.

The reasons for granting exemption are practical or technical problems in marking the price and very short usuable life of the product itself.

(e) and (f) Question does not arise.

गेहूं और चावल पर राज-सहायता

3818. **श्री राम अेठमलानी** :

क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार दिसम्बर, 1992 तक गेहूं और चावल पर क्रमशः 228.10 रुपये और 166.70 रुपये प्रति क्विंटल की दर से राज-सहायता देती रही;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने इतनी उच्च दर पर राज-सहायता देने के मानदंड के लिए उत्तरदायी कारणों का पता लगाया है, और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) और (ख) वर्ष 1992-93 के बजट अनुमानों के अनुसार खाद्यान्नों (चावल और गेहूं) पर उपभोक्ता राज सहायता और सुरक्षित भण्डार के रख-रखाव की लागत निम्नवत् है :—

उपभोक्ता राज सहायता	(रु. प्रति क्विंटल)
चावल	86.94
गेहूं	127.71
सुरक्षित भण्डार के रख-रखाव की लागत	94.22

(ग) और (घ) उच्च राज सहायता के लिए जिम्मेदार कारकों में खाद्यान्नों के न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्यों में वृद्धि, ब्याज की दरें, प्रबंध-प्रभार और ढुलाई-लागत शामिल हैं ।

Hoarding and black marketing of essential commodities

3819. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the number of raids conducted, persons arrested, prosecuted for indulging in hoarding and black marketing of essential commodities and value of goods seized in each State under the Essential Commodities (Special Provision) Act, 1981 during each of the last three years; and

(b) the extent to which Government have been able to check these mal-practices to bring down the prices of essential commodities, and make them smoothly available to the public ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) The information is contained in the statements annexed. (*see* below)

(b) Although the correlation cannot be quantified, the provisions in the Essential Commodities (Special Provisions) Act, 1981 making for greater deterrance against mal-practices and a procedure for quicker disposal of cases has a significant effect in this direction.

Action taken under Essential Commodities Act 1955 *by States/UTs During the year* 1990 (11-1-1990 *to* 31-12-1990)

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of radis made	No. of persons arrested	No. of persons prosecuted	Value of goods confiscated (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	9948	1593	21	238.34
2.	Assam	1956	7	41	0·28
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	16	—	—	—
4.	Bihar	506	334	303	107·38
5.	Gujarat	5461	45	71	186·15
6.	Goa	43	2	1	0.88
7.	Haryana	127	122	19	3.97
8.	Himachal Pradesh	2508	—	—	—
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	22	21	5	0.72
10.	Karnataka	3433	646	374	22.05
11.	Kerala	582	—	—	0.09
12.	Madhya Pradesh	4224	84	225	41.22
13.	Maharashtra	502	815	327	180.79
14.	Manipur	15	16	—	—
15.	Meghalaya	332	—	—	—
16.	Mizoram	87	5	6	0.05
17.	Nagaland		—NIL—		
18.	Orissa	7078	15	142	17.98
19.	Punjab	13902	—	—	1.47
20.	Rajasthan	1798	46	155	10.53
21.	Sikkim	3	7	—	—
22.	Tamil Nadu	5479	109	616	120.99
23	Tripura	369	10	13	0.27
24.	Uttar Pradesh	67052	1130	1879	1087.51
25.	West Bengal	1598	829	416	65·18
26.	A & N Islands	5694	22	161	—
27.	Chandigarh	11	—	—	—
28.	D & N Haveli		—NiL—		—
29.	Delhi	595	40	33	0.38
30.	Daman & Diu	51	—	—	—
31.	Lakshadweep		—NIL—		
32.	Pondicherry	610	86	58	0.97
	TOTAL	134002	5984	4866	2087.2

Action taken under Essential Commodities Act 1955 *by States/UTs during the year* 1991 (1-9-1991 *to* 31-12-91)

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of raids made	No. of persons arrested	No. of persons prosecuted	Value of goods confiscated (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11221	1081	10	242.13
2.	Assam	3147	4	21	—
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	18	—	—	—
4.	Bihar	276	95	138	169.11
5.	Gujarat	6977	34	118	351.10
6.	Goa	45	5	5	2.08
7.	Haryana	754	94	36	0.56
8.	Himachal Pradesh	28645	2	8	—
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	103	123	32	1.00
10.	Karnataka	4584	599	46	7.43
11.	Kerala	14357	—	15	4.14
12.	Madhya Pradesh	3903	68	204	53.47
13.	Maharashtra	18296	877	500	125.30
14.	Manipur	73	4	—	—
15.	Meghalaya	413	—	1	—
16.	Mizoram	322	5	—	0.57
17.	Nagaland		—NIL—		
18.	Orissa	2624	25	136	39.44
19.	Punjab	27661	22	36	7.79
20.	Rajasthan	1117	10	166	27.31
21.	Sikkim	11	11	—	—
22.	Tamil Nadu	12172	443	3197	199.21
23.	Tripura	218	22	10	0.07
24.	Uttar Pradesh	19579	762	1234	920.22
25.	West Bengal	2656	1218	638	405.92
26.	A & N Islands	4100	1	56	—
27.	Chandigarh	78	3	—	—
28.	D & N Haveli	4	7	—	15.29
29.	Delhi	2075	173	106	3.73
30.	Daman & Diu	39	—	—	—
31.	Lakshadweep		—NIL—		
32.	Pondicherry	581	66	22	0.19
	TOTAL	166049	5754	6735	2576.06

Action taken under Essential Commodities Act 1955 *by States/UTs During the year* 1992 (*w.e.f.* 1-1-1993)

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of raids made	No. of persons arrested	No. of persons prosecuted	Value of goods confiscated (Rs. in lakhs)	Reported upto
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10726	1065	12	245.60	December
2.	Assam	899	—	—	0.98	December
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	5	8	—	—	November
4.	Bihar	456	95	152	73.71	October
5.	Gujarat	7226	27	123	349.82	December
6.	Goa	166	12	12	1.52	December
7.	Haryana	605	70	15	2.92	December
8.	Himachal Pradesh	18899	5	11	0.24	December
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	81	82	11	—	December
10.	Karnataka	2951	261	63	24.80	October
11.	Kerala	14104	7	7	19.32	December
12.	Madhya Pradesh	2462	30	103	54.56	July
13.	Maharashtra	9691	806	256	67 06	December
14.	Manipur	55	20	6	0.01	December
15.	Meghaaya	63	—	—	—	December
16.	Mizoram	333	—	—	0.01	December
17.	Nagaland			—NIL—		November
18.	Orissa	1527	59	170	11.37	December
19.	Punjab	27289	8	9	1.76	December
20.	Rajasthan	1730	44	204	56.98	December
21.	Sikkim	1	5	—	—	December
22	Tamil Nadu	10842	357	3166	218.92	December
23.	Tripura	52	13	13	8.32	December
24	Uttar Pradesh	19269	657	993	508.42	December
25.	West Bengal	2118	1133	573	379.80	October
26.	A & N Islands			—NIL—		November
27.	Chandigarh	137	2	—	—	December
28	D & N Havli			—NIL—		December
29	Delhi	1929	111	49	3.10	December
30.	Daman & Diu	15	—	—	—	May
31.	Lakshadweep			—NIL—		December
32.	Pondicherry	49	73	17	0.66	December
	TOTAL	133680	4950	5965	2029.88	

Statement showing Information Received upto 28-2-1993.